Exemption from the operation of the Public Service Recruitment Rules.

280. ✱ **MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a caste-war statement of persons exempted by them during 1120 from the operation of the Public Service Recruitment Rules for appointment as—

(i) clerks in the Secretariat;
(ii) auditors in the Accountant General's office;
(iii) teachers in the Education Department;
(iv) accountants in the Land Revenue Department;
(v) female warders in the Medical Department;
(vi) warders in the Central Prison; and
(vii) clerks in the Public Works Department?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: The time and labour involved in collecting the information are incommensurate with the benefit derivable.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: May I know whether any principle is followed in granting exemptions?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Originally when the Public Service Rules where introduced in 1112, there were a lot of hard cases on the border line, especially among school masters where certain exemptions were granted. But the Dewan on 8-3-1944 passed a specific order in the matter. There was a recommendation for exemption in a particular case; and the order was "NO. I will read out the order in extenso. To make one exemption is to stultify ourselves, Refused. Hereafter on *no account and for no reason whatsoever* "(double underlined)" will any exemption be granted. The Secretariat and all Heads of Departments and the Public Service Commissioner may be so informed." Immediately Circular D. Dis. No. 386/44/Genl. was issued *viz.*" Heads of Departments and Offices are hereby informed that Government have decided that exemptions from the operation of the Public Service Recruitment Rules will not hereafter be granted and that no such recommendation should be sent up to Government". I may supplement it with this printed memo which is the stock answer R. O. C. No. (to be filled up) "Memo". (Heading.) "Government have decided that exemptions from the Travancore Public Service Recruitment Rules will not be granted. The application is therefore rejected. Secretary to Government. The address."

PRESIDENT: Order, order. The number of applications for exemption on communal gronnds and family grounds was so large that even if a proportion of them were granted—some of them very hard cases—it would create a great deal of heart burning among communities and even among persons who may feel "I have not been able to get at the Government and get exemption whereas my neighbour has managed to get exemption", so that hereafter it has been decided that there will be no exemptions, and no application for exemption will ever be sent to Government. I have directed that Heads of Departments should reject those applications then and there and that they should never come to Government at all.

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